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Sir:

The following amendment and remarks are submitted in response to the Official Action mailed August 15, 2000 in which the claims of the Application were held to be subject to a further restriction requirement and further species election.

REMARKS

Consideration of this amendment, which is responsive to the Official Action mailed August 15, 2000 is respectfully requested. The Official Action was issued because the

